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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR CUBAN CHARTER FLIGHT

REF: A) STATE 266259; B) STATE 266320

1. USINT OFFICER (GLASSMAN), NOVEMBER 8, PROVIDED REFTEL A AND B ROUTE CHANGES AS WELL AS REFTEL A FOREIGN AIRCRAFT PERMIT TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (GIRONA) FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO CUBANA DE AVIACION. USINT OFFICER ALSO OUTLINED PREFERRED AND REQUIRED APPLICATION, OPERATIONS, AND REPORTING PROCEDURES TO GIRONA, AS WELL AS INVITATION FROM CAB FOR DISCUSSION WITH CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION OR CUBANA DE AVIACION REPRESENTATIVE.

2. GIRONA (CHARGED WITH AVIATION AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE) THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR CUBANA REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS CAB FLIGHT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES. SHE INDICATED THAT CUBANS, WITHIN THEIR POSSIBILITIES, WOULD SEEK TO PROVIDE 15 DAY ADVANCE NOTICE ON FLIGHTS AND TO COMPLY PROMPTLY WITH CAB REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. SHE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT ANNUAL SIX FLIGHT CHARTER LIMIT (WHICH WE PRESUME DOES NOT INCLUDE TOURIST GROUP CHARTERS) AND POINTED OUT THAT MINISTRY HAS BEEN ROUTINELY APPROVING "SCORES" OF AMERICAN BUSINESS CORPORATION AND OTHER CHARTER FLIGHTS. (COMMENT: GIRONA DID NOT MENTION QUESTION OF SUPPORT FLIGHTS FOR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS)

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SECTIONS WHICH WERE AGREED TO IN PRE-SEPTEMBER CUBAN-US NEGOTIATIONS.)

3. GIRONA ALSO APPEARED TO BE DISCONCERTED BY NEED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS IN WASHINGTON FOR FLIGHTS. SHE SAID THAT CUBANS HAD ROUTINELY BEEN APPROVING BUSINESS AND OTHER PRIVATE CHARTER FLIGHTS WHICH, SHE SAID, HAD BEEN SOLICITED THROUGH AFTN. GIRONA ALSO

STATED THAT COMMUNICATION WITH CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON CONTINUES TO BE ERRATIC AND THAT CUBANS, TO ASSURE ACCURATE RECEIPT AND PROMPT ACTION ON FLIGHT REQUESTS, PREFER TO CONTINUE TO WORK, IN PARALLEL, THROUGH US INTERESTS SECTION HERE. (FYI CUBANS, AS OF 1300 EST, NOVEMBER 8, HAD STILL RECEIVED NO MESSAGE FROM CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION ON NOVEMBER 9 FLIGHT. END FYI.)

4. GIRONA ALSO ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON MEANING OF PARAGRAPH IN FOREIGN AIRCRAFT PERMIT (REFTAL A) WHICH MENTIONS "ADDITIONAL FUEL ALLOCATIONS".

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWER TO PARA 4 QUESTION AND ALSO INDICATE WHAT PRECISE TYPE OF CHARTER FLIGHTS ARE INCLUDED IN, AND EXCLUDED FROM, SIX FLIGHT LIMIT (PARA 2).

6 COMMENT: CUBANS, IN RESPONSE TO US PROCEDURES, CONCEIVABLY MAY TIGHTEN UP ON THEIR OWN HERETOFORE LIBERAL CLEARANCES FOR US PRIVATE AIRCRAFT VISITS. WHETHER THEY TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT INTERESTS SECTION SUPPORT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENT (WHICH HITHERTO ONLY USINT HAS USED) WILL PRESUMABLY DEPEND ON OUR INTERPRETATION OF SCOPE OF SIX FLIGHT LIMIT.

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